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SUBJECT:NATO AEW THIRD FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING

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1. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS-HUPE MET WITH SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS
ON FEBRUARY 10 TO INFORM HIM OF THE STATE OF DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG ON THE NATO AEW PROGRAM. LUNS
SAID HE HAD ALREADY BEEN BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR PAULS.
FURTHER, LUNS SAID PAULS HAD TALKED TO LABERGE EARLIER IN
THE DAY WITH A REQUEST THAT THE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FEBRUARY 17-18 MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS BE POSTPONED
TO SOME LATER DATE. LUNS WILL NOTIFY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
THAT BOTH MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED; HE MAY OR MAY NOT PROPOSE
NEW DATES.
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2. LUNS SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT OR
MINISTER LEBER NEEDED MORE INFORMATION; THEY ALREADY
HAVE AS MUCH AS THEY COULD POSSIBLY NEED. THE AMBASSADOR
MADE IT CLEAR TO LUNS THAT THE US IS NOT TRYING TO
PRESSURE ANYONE INTO ACCEPTING THIS SYSTEM, BUT
ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE FRG.
LUNS ADDED THAT THE NATION WHICH DEVELOPS A SYSTEM HAS
THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL DETAILS OF ITS
SYSTEM ARE UNDERSTOOD; CERTAINLY NO OTHER NATION OR
ORGANIZATION CAN DO THIS JOB.

3. LUNS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS SURE THE FRG WANTS
THIS SYSTEM AND, THAT THE UK IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE
NEED FOR AN EARLY DECISION BECUASE OF RAPIDLY MOUNTING
NIMROD COSTS.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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